

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

April 14, 2010

Present: M. Harrington, L. Brousseau Lebreux, J. Quinn, M. Shapiro, D. Gomez, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, James Gibney-Principal and others.

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons.

II. Executive Session – cancelled by Union

III. Public Input: Question was raised as to whether the meetings pertaining to the search for a new Superintendent will be open meetings. Chairman M. Harrington answered, “yes”.

IV. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by Chairman M. Harrington, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

V. Spotlight on Excellence: Title I Math Night, presented by Miss Gomes. On a motion by M. Shapiro, seconded by the Chairman, it was unanimously voted this item be put before Public Input. Miss Gomes conducted a power point presentation highlighting Wilbur & McMahon’s first Title I sponsored Math Night. Teachers and students volunteered time in support of the evening.

a. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Devine discussed pending legislation.

b. Principal's Report: Mr. Gibney recognized the PST for a great Book Fair the previous week. He spoke of a change to the Ace period that will encourage more time on task for students. He expressed excitement for the yo-yo demonstration which will culminate TV-turnoff week. He hopes to hold another K-5 Literacy night. Mr. Gibney also reported that the Wilbur & McMahon Schools' 2010 School Classification status was that of met annual yearly progress.

VI. Personnel Matters: None

VII. Action Items:

a. Policy - Physical Restraint of Students, second reading, Superintendent: On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington, it was unanimously voted to approve the Physical Restraint of Students policy as written.

b. Vote to approve funding for the site survey, Superintendent: On a motion moved by M. Shapiro and seconded by M. Harrington is was voted to approve funding in the amount of \$6,200.00 for site survey work to be provided by Civil Engineering Concepts, Inc. of Little Compton.

c. A motion was made by Chairman M. Harrington and seconded by M. Shapiro to approve and release the executive session minutes for the following dates:

November 10, 2009

December 9, 2009

January 13, 2010

January 26, 2010

February 11, 2010

March 11, 2010

On an amendment to the motion by J. Quinn, seconded by Donald Gomez, it was unanimously voted to amend by including the minutes of August 12, 2009. A vote on the original motion as amended was unanimously approved.

d. Appointment of Superintendent Search Committee, Chairman: M. Harrington recommended the appointment of the following person for the Superintendent Search Committee:

Heather B. Fitzgerald

Jodi Ibbotson

Debra Lambert

Jean S. Dunn

Scott A. Morrison

Suzanne Madden

Phyllis Campbell Field

The School Committee, by consensus, agreed.

e. Final school day for students, Superintendent: On a motion made by M. Sharpiro, seconded by L. Brousseau-Lebreaux it was unanimously voted to establish Friday, June 18, 2010 as the final school day for the 2009-2010 school year.

f. Reschedule the May School Committee Meeting, Superintendent: On a motion may by M. Harrington and seconded by L.

Brousseau-Lebreux, it was unanimously voted that the May meeting of the School Committee be changed from May 12, 2010 to May 19, 2010.

g. Superintendent's final work calendar, Superintendent: On a motion by L. Brousseau-Lebreux and seconded by J. Quinn it was voted to allow the Superintendent to be paid for all days worked, without limit, until 30 June 2010. On a motion by J. Quinn, seconded by L. Brousseau-Lebreux it was unanimously voted to pay the Superintendent \$7,318.08 for 14 additional work days and to authorize the Chairman to approve any additional days required.

h. Follow-up joint meeting with Budget Committee, Superintendent: On a motion by M. Shapiro and seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to revise the School Departments FY2011 budget to reflect a decrease of \$68,808.00. The committee requested that the letter to the town clerk state that any further reduction to the School department budget would adversely affect the educational programs of the Wilbur & McMahon Schools.

VIII. Discussion Items:

a. Policy – Section 504, LC 1095, Superintendent: On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by D. Gomez it was unanimously voted to table this discussion to the next meeting.

b. Portsmouth Resolution: On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by J. Quinn this discussion item was moved to an action item and unanimously voted that the Little Compton School Committee will join in resolution with the School Dept.'s of

Portsmouth, Westerly, and Smithfield to appose S 2603 and H7581 legislation as they relate to the RIDE Proposed Funding Formula.

c. Westerly resolution: action combined with b.

d. Race to the Top, Superintendent: The Superintendent reported that he will be attending a meeting on April 15th in Providence.

e. Update on teacher negotiations, Superintendent: On a motion made by D. Gomez, seconded by L. Brousseau-Lebreux this item was moved to action. On a motion by D. Gomez, seconded by L. Brousseau-Lebreux, it was unanimously voted to approve a one year extension of the current teacher contract. See addendum I.

f. Open meetings forum, Superintendent: Attorney Michael Field from the Office of the Attorney General will be here on May 3 at 6:30 p.m. to speak on the RI Open Meetings Laws. He will make a presentation and respond to questions.

IX. Motion to Adjourn: On a motion by M. Harrington, seconded by L. Brousseau-Lebreux it was unanimously voted to Adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Augustus

Secretary to the School Committee, pro tem